Paris ringleader killed

- **1988:** *Abdelhamid Abaaoud* born to Moroccan immigrants, grows up in Brussels district of Molenbeek

- **2010:** Abaaoud and *Salah Abdeslam* – suspected eighth Paris attacker – jailed in Belgium for armed robbery

- **Early 2014:** Abaaoud – also known as *Abu Umar al Baljiki* – joins *Islamic State (IS)* group in Syria

- **2014:** IS propaganda video shows Abaaoud in pickup truck dragging mutilated bodies in Syria

- **May 24:** *Mehdi Nemmouche*, jihadist of Franco-Algerian origin, kills four people at Jewish Museum in Brussels **– Abaaoud known to have been in contact with Nemmouche**

- **Jan 14, 2015:** Police raid in Verviers, Belgium, breaks up terror cell which Abaaoud is suspected to have helped organise and finance – two conspirators shot dead

Belgian counterterrorism agencies trace calls with jihadists targeted in raid to cell phone in Greece believed to belong to Abaaoud

CIA and Greek police fail to find Abaaoud in Greece – he flees to Syria, taking 13-year-old brother *Younes* with him

- **Feb:** IS English-language magazine *Dabiq* publishes interview in which Abaaoud brags about travelling through Europe unnoticed by security agencies

- **Apr-Aug:** Abaaoud linked to foiled attack on church in Paris suburb of Villejuif, and to failed assault on Paris-bound high-speed train

- **Oct:** French airstrike targets Abaaoud at IS training camp in Raqqa, but fails to locate him

- **Nov 18:** Police raid apartment in Saint-Denis following Nov 13 Paris attacks that killed at least 129 people. Two suspected terrorists killed

- **Nov 19: Abaaoud – suspected ringleader of Paris attacks – confirmed killed in St-Denis raid**

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